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TAGS: EAIR, FR, GW
SUBJECT: AIRBUS PROBLEM AT LAGUARDIA

REF: A. STATE 42904, B. PARIS 6208

1. PRESS COVERAGE OF LA GUARDIA PROBLEM HAS BEEN
MODERATE IN VOLUME AND UNEMOTIONAL IN TONE. THERE HAS
BEEN NO REACTION AS YET ON THE PART OF FRG OFFICIALS.

2. WEIGHT PROBLEMS OF THE AIRBUS AT LA GUARDIA HAVE
BEEN REPORTED A NUMBER OF TIMES IN THE TRADE PRESS.
ON THE BASIS OF THESE REPORTS, EMBOFF DISCUSSED PROBLEM
FEBRUARY 15 WITH DR. SCHOMERUS OF THE FEDERAL MINISTRY
OF ECONOMICS. AT THAT TIME HE WAS DISPOSED TO TAKE
THE PROBLEM RAISED BY THE PORT AUTHORITY AT FACE VALUE.
HE INDICATED NO SUSPICION THAT THE PROBLEM WAS ANYTHING
BUT TECHNICAL. HE WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT A
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SOLUTION WAS NOT TOO DIFFICULT AND THAT THE SOLUTION
WOULD BE A STRENGTHENING OF THE TAXIWAYS BY THE PORT
AUTHORITY.

3. COMMENT: IF IN FACT THE AIRBUS SALE TO EASTERN
AIRLINES IS LOST BECAUSE OF THE LA GUARDIA PROBLEM,
WE CAN EXPECT A STRONGLY NEGATIVE REACTION HERE. THE

PRESS AND PROBABLY MEMBERS OF THE BUNDESTAG ARE LIKELY
TO CHARGE THE PORT AUTHORITY AND THE USG WITH USING
TECHNICAL EXCUSES FOR FAVORING AMERICAN MANUFACTURERS.
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WILL NOT BE ABOVE SUCH SUSPICIONS
EITHER UNLESS THERE IS A VERY CLEAR CUT TECHNICAL
JUSTIFICATION FOR WHAT THE PORT AUTHORITY DOES.
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